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Students named All-State Scholars for excelling in academics

MADISON—Wisconsin's 120 All-State Scholars for 2008 share a common foundation: excellence in their academic achievement.

"These students worked hard and devoted themselves to their academic studies," said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster. "While parents, families, and teachers provide invaluable support, it is the personal effort of these students that brought them success and the All-State Scholar award."

The students were chosen as All-State Scholars by a committee of school administrators based on overall grade-point average and scores for the ACT or SAT college admissions tests. This year's All-State Scholars were among more than 650 students nominated by their high school principals. Schools with 400 or fewer students were entitled to nominate one graduating senior to the program. Schools with enrollments between 401 and 999 students could nominate two students, and schools with 1,000 or more students could nominate three graduating seniors for the award.

The All-State Scholars program was founded in 1986 as one of the first of its kind to recognize students for their dedication to academic studies. A year later, the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship was added to support students' future academic studies. Pending full funding at the federal level, Byrd scholarships may provide a scholarship of \$1,500 per year, for up to four years. Students may use the scholarship at any postsecondary educational institution in the United States.

"I am very proud to be part of the Wisconsin tradition that recognizes student academic achievement," Burmaster said. "I encourage these young people to pursue further education and to contribute to the democratic principles and economic prosperity of our state and nation."

The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators' Foundation for Educational Administration, Wisconsin State Journal, Wisconsin Education Association Council, and Department of Public Instruction sponsor the All-State Scholars program.

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This year's awards ceremony and program to recognize Wisconsin's All-State Scholars will be held May 4 at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison. Harold Scheub, professor of African languages and literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will be the featured speaker. Burmaster will present the welcome address, and Scott Milfred, editorial page editor for the Wisconsin State Journal, will serve as master of ceremonies. Jim Lynch, associate executive director of the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, and Dustin Beilke, media relations officer for the Wisconsin Education Association Council, also will participate in the awards program.

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NOTE: A list of Wisconsin's 2008 All-State Scholars by Congressional District follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_69.pdf.

2008 All-State Scholars

Congressional District 1

Adam Barron
Case High School, Racine

Allena Berry
Park High School, Racine

Ashwini Bharatkumar of Big Bend
Mukwonago High School

Nathan Bollig
Parker High School, Janesville

Molly Dobberke
Mukwonago High School

Anaya Gonda
Muskego High School

Ryan Gregornik
Williams Bay High School

Danielle Mabrey
Franklin High School

Anthony Nguyen
Craig High School, Janesville

Jacob Oberman of Janesville
Milton High School

Timothy Pflugrad
Park High School, Racine

Kristina Rogahn
Greendale High School

Miranda Steege
The Prairie School, Racine

Danling Yu
Case High School, Racine

Joanna Zurko,
Muskego High School

Congressional District 2

Ruth Davis
West High School, Madison

Philip Ebben
Fort Atkinson High School

Reuben Henriques
West High School, Madison

Brian Ji
Memorial High School, Madison

Kyle Martin
Verona Area High School

Jenna Myers
Mount Horeb High School

Richard Pang
West High School, Madison

Julia Potter
Oregon High School

Maren Raab,
Memorial High School, Madison

Timothy Reasa
Baraboo High School

Kirsten Rhude of Cross Plains
Middleton High School

Eleanor Shoshany Anderson
LaFollette High School, Madison

Jeffrey Theisen
Middleton High School

Alexandro Trevino
Memorial High School, Madison

Qichen Zhang
Whitewater High School

Congressional District 3

Laura Bartos
Onalaska High School

Ian Begemann of Chaseburg
Westby High School

Samuel Bruning
Mondovi High School

Russell Buehler
Onalaska High School

Leah Clementi
Dodgeville High School

Alexandra Gendreau
Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau
High School

Nicole Goodrich
New Richmond High School

Charlie Hammond
Hudson High School

Michael Harper
Hudson High School

Vanessa Johnson
Durand Junior/Senior High School

Cynthia Kocik
Hudson High School

Saamia Masoom
Platteville High School

Ravi Shah
Holmen High School

Marissa Swanson
Menomonie High School

Rachel Zidon
Platteville High School

Congressional District 4

Brett Benka
South Milwaukee High School

Callie Grebe of Wauwatosa
Divine Savior Holy Angels High
School, Milwaukee

Patrick Grimes,
Saint Francis High School

Besma Jaber of Oak Creek
King High School, Milwaukee

Martha Mahmoud
King High School, Milwaukee

Kristy Moeller
Nathan Hale High
School, West Allis

Ramona Novak of Oak Creek
St. Thomas More High
School, Milwaukee

Elise Pellmann of Fox Point
Divine Savior Holy Angels
High School, Milwaukee

Brenda Poppy of Greenfield
Wisconsin Lutheran High
School, Milwaukee

Kourtnei Robinson
King High School, Milwaukee

Aaron Roszak
South Milwaukee High School

Andrea Sottile of West Allis
Hamilton High School, Milwaukee

Tyler Vivian
South Milwaukee High School

Colleen Woyach
Cudahy High School

Nicholas Zajdel
Nathan Hale High
School, West Allis

Congressional District 5

Lili Behm
Slinger High School

Daniel Ewert
Germantown High School

Sarah Lehmann
East High School, Brookfield

Jason Muth of Delafield
Kettle Moraine High School, Wales

Heidi Nelson
Whitefish Bay High School

Alex Palmer of Elm Grove
East High School, Brookfield

Elizabeth Pierson
Shorewood High School

Robert Qi
Eisenhower High
School, New Berlin

Jiangchuan Qiu
West High School, Waukesha

Travis Serebin
Germantown High School

Michael Smigelski
Homestead High School, Mequon

Spencer Stroebel of Saukville
Cedarburg High School

Angela Zeng of Menomonee Falls
Hamilton High School, Sussex

Lily Zhou,
Homestead High School, Mequon

Yunhao Zhu,
Homestead High School, Mequon

Congressional District 6

Jacob Blain
Fond du Lac High School

Scott Blasczyk of Appleton
Kimberly High School

Leah DeYoung of Oshkosh
Winneconne High School

Laura Edison
Neenah High School

Joshua Ehlert
Neenah High School

Bryan Englebert of Menasha
St. Mary Central High
School, Neenah

Robin Karlin
West High School, Oshkosh

Broderick Martin of Kohler
Sheboygan Falls High School

Ashley Nault
Fond du Lac High School

Sara O'Connell
Menasha High School

Brenna Schuster
Fond du Lac High School

Benjamin Simmons
North High School, Sheboygan

Jessica Stuyvenberg
Kimberly High School

Brianne Williams
Neenah High School

Angela Xie
West High School, Oshkosh

Congressional District 7

Samuel Balinghasay
Marshfield High School

James Byrnes
Rice Lake High School

Anna Drewry
East High School, Wausau

Marcus Ewert
Marshfield High School

Wesley Fox of Arpin
Pittsville High School

Adam Johnson
Osceola High School

Kathryn Leifheit
Marshfield High School

Katherine Magee
Stevens Point Area
Senior High School

Madeline Marshall
Hayward High School

Elizabeth Miller
West High School, Wausau

Daniel Nadeau
West High School, Wausau

Benjamin Peterson
Nekoosa High School

Sarah Pitts
West High School, Wausau

Emily Prazak
Grantsburg High School

Dustin Schallert
Amherst High School

Congressional District 8

Amanda Detry
Southwest High School, Green Bay

Ariel Dickinson
Oconto High School

Laura Dickinson
East High School, Appleton

Rebecca Furdek
Clintonville High School

Weston Gaines of Greenleaf
Wrightstown High School

James Harder
Preble High School, Green Bay

Hillary Jenny
Southwest High School, Green Bay

Rebecca Li
North High School, Appleton

Weston Maier
Sturgeon Bay High School

Eric Rentmeester of Green Bay
Pulaski High School

Matthew Wage
East High School, Appleton

Eric Weinlander of Greenville
Hortonville High School

Tyler Will
Luxemburg-Casco High School

Brittany Wright
North High School, Appleton

Caleb Yeung, of Arbor Vitae
Lakeland Union High
School, Minocqua